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<TEXT>As a former programmer for MCI / worldCom, I understand the rating process and all of the taxes that are applied to the phone bill. I also understand the revenue losses that the Blues are experiencing due to the choices that people like me are making by electing not to have LD service with my primary provider. You need to know that I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal that you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair! The burden of payment should be proportional. When did it become so popular to share the expense without sharing the wealth?

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. When the blues cut me a monthly check for my share of their profits, then your proposal might make sense. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. Come out of the Ivory Tower and get a clue. People who earn minimum wage are fighting to put food on the table. The phone is the first thing that can (and does) get shut off. Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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